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News Release

Sioux Central FFA Wins Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology CDE

AMES, Iowa--The Sioux Central FFA Chapter from Sioux Rapids was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Biotechnology Career Development Event held virtually on November 12, 2020. Members of the first place team included: Dalayna Brugman, Halle Laursen, Chance Noll, and Brooklyn Vanderhoff. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Koehlmoos. The Midland FFA Chapter from Wyoming was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Chiara Dusanek, Trenton Rickels, Callie Petersen, and Bryce Rushford. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Ms. Jen Westphal and Ms. Jamie Christiansen. Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 14 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Biotechnology. The 54 individuals who participated in the event completed several activities including a general knowledge exam and an identification activity. The team members also collaborated in a team activity relating to biotechnology principles.

The Iowa FFA Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was made possible with support from AgVentures Alliance through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Ag Biotechnology Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Stacie Turnbull of York College and Leah Sandall of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- 2 Midland FFA, Wyoming
- 3 Beckman Catholic (@ Dyersville
- 4 T-55 FFA
- 5 Roland-Story FFA, Story City
- 6 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 7 Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman
- 8 Wilton FFA, Wilton
- 9 Dowling Catholic FFA
- 10 Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Top 10 Individuals

- Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Halle Laursen, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- Trenton Rickels, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Chance Noll, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- Jasmyn Hoeger, Beckman Catholic (@ Dyersville
- Brooklyn Vanderhoff, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids
- Callie Petersen, Midland FFA, Wyoming
- Spencer Rea, Beckman Catholic (@ Dyersville
- Haven Cross, T-55 FFA
- Dalayna Brugman, Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Practicum

Team: Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

General Knowledge Examination

Team: Roland-Story FFA, Story City **Individual:** Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Identification

Team: Midland FFA, Wyoming

Individual: Chiara Dusanek, Midland FFA, Wyoming

Gold Teams (6)

Score Range (768.75 to

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

T-55 FFA

Roland-Story FFA, Story City

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Silver Teams (4)

Score Range (635.625 to

Mid-Prairie FFA, Wellman

Wilton FFA, Wilton

Dowling Catholic FFA

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Bronze Teams (4)

Score Range (550.125 to

Lone Tree FFA

MMCRU FFA

Greene County FFA, Jefferson

Agri-Power FFA, Eddyville

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 16,100 student members as part of 246 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.